

Amendment 804 – Requires agencies to report the amount of rounds of ammunition purchased and the number of firearms purchased or otherwise acquired. Further this amendment requires agencies to report the number of stolen, lost and/or unaccounted firearms.

Many Americans have questioned the amount of rounds of ammunition the federal government has purchased. In November 2012, I requested ammunition information from the Department of Homeland Security¹ and received a response indicating that from 2010 through 2012 the Department of Homeland Security and its seven components purchased over 360 million rounds of ammunition at a cost of nearly \$123 million.² For example, the Customs and Border Protection purchased the largest amount of rounds of ammunition, averaging a little over 50 million rounds per year. As of November 2012 the Department of Homeland Security had approximately 264 million rounds of ammunition in its inventory. Finally, I received a response that the Department of Homeland Security plans on acquiring around \$37 million in ammunition for fiscal year 2013.

Well, the American people should also know how many firearms agencies have at their disposal. This amendment would simply require agencies to report on a yearly basis the number and type of rounds of ammunition and the number and type of firearms they possess.

The amendment will also require agencies to report the number of firearms owned by the agencies that were stolen, lost, or unaccounted for.

This Amendment would not affect the Department of Defense or the Central Intelligence Agency

My amendment takes into consideration the national security community by providing the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency the ability to provide a detailed explanation of why reporting of the information would be harmful to national security. Further, if those two

¹ Letter from Senator Coburn to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano. November 13, 2012.

² Letter from the Department of Homeland Security. February 4, 2013. Accessed at:

http://www.coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?a=Files.Serve&File_id=9cde768f-bb3a-4fd9-8176-1745c21519c2

agencies are requested to provide the information it would be available to the relevant congressional oversight committees in a classified format.